

Dumont Dunes TRT
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 8, 2008

Bureau of Land Management
Barstow Field Office
Conference Room
2601 Barstow Road
Barstow, CA 92311
(760) 252-6000

1. Call to Order

TRT Chairman Bill Presch called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the TRT in a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Introductions

Members of the TRT, participating BLM staff, and members of the general public introduced themselves:

TRT Members Present:

Dr. William Presch, chairman; California Desert District Advisory Council
Jim Bramham, vice chairman; OHV organizations
Randy Banis, secretary; other motorized recreation
Terry Allen, Nevada OHV interests (via speaker phone)
David Charlton, California Desert District Advisory Council
John Dagleish, Friends of Dumont Dunes
Gerry Hillier, San Bernardino County
Ed Waldheim, California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission

BLM Staff Present:

Roxie Trost, Manager, Barstow Field Office
Lynnette Elser, Recreation Chief, Barstow Field Office
John Kavanaugh, Law Enforcement Ranger
Tim Huff, Law Enforcement Ranger
Bessie Hayes, Budget Technician
Harold Thomas, Equipment Operator
Shelly Jackson, GIS Specialist
Officer Martinez, Law Enforcement Ranger

Members of the General Public Present:

Mike Woods, OHV Representative, Marine Corps Logistics Base

TRT Members Absent:

Sheri Davis, commercial filming, California Desert District Advisory Council
Ron Schiller, California Desert District Advisory Council

Kathleen Stosuy, California OHV interests

B. Agenda

Bill Presch opened the agenda to additions or changes. The agenda was revised by consent to accommodate the presentations on fee machines.

C. Minutes

Copies of the draft minutes of the TRT's February 5, 2008, meeting were circulated earlier via email. The minutes were approved by consent.

2. New Business

A. Fee Collection Machines

The TRT heard presentations from fee machine vendors Pacific Parking Systems and Secom Intl. Both discussed the options of using stored value cards and hand-held card payment machines. Due to card holder data security concerns Secom would not be able to support credit card payments via wireless communications.

Roxie Trost introduced an internal committee that has been working on improvements to the fee collection process and described their efforts.

Lynnette Elser reported that there were several other fee machine vendors in addition to the two making presentations. She described concerns that the current machines will no longer be supported without an expensive software upgrade. Further concerns about who has title to the current machines yielded a recommendation that they be replaced by new machines.

Lynnette also described problems of issuing correct change for cash transactions. Terry Allen and Bill Presch expressed their preference for not dispensing change as long as visitors are properly noticed of the policy. The TRT generally agreed with the BLM's need to occasionally discount prices for marketing or management efficiency, for example offering a discount annual pass at the start of the season.

The TRT discussed improvements to the current credit card collection process with the proposed new fee machines.

Bill Presch asked that Lynnette continue to develop the proposal to purchase or lease new fee collection machines and to review her suggestions with the TRT via email.

3. Old Business

A. Helipad Complex

Lynnette reviewed a draft diagram of the proposed helipad complex at Dumont Dunes. Bill Presch moved, with Gerry Hillier seconding, that there be no dump station on site for either the Sheriff Department or visitors. The motion passed by consent.

B. 2008 Fee Collection Status Report

Lynnette reviewed the financial reports for Dumont Dunes through mid-March. A total of \$684,269 was collected in user fees, and a balance of \$180,597 remains in the account for preparation activities and expenses for the FY2009 season.

D. Dumont Dunes Road

Lynnette explained plans for obtaining another load of crushed asphalt for Dumont Dunes Road.

2. New Business (cont.)

B. Public Comment

Ed Waldheim presented a report from the State of California showing a decrease in fuel consumption last year which will result in less in-lieu allocations for the cities and counties.

Bill Presch reported that there was no additional information on the petition to the US Fish & Wildlife Service to list the Fringed Toed lizard.

Terry Allan thanked the BLM for their assistance in the annual Friends of Dumont Dunes clean-up project on March 15, 2008.

4. Next Meeting

By consent, the TRT set the following date, time and location for its next public meeting:
Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 10:00 AM
BLM Barstow Field Office Conference Room

5 Adjournment

By consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Banis
Secretary, Dumont Dunes Technical Review Team

Approved on June 3, 2008

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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